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SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA

REFS: A) STATE 123690 B) WELLINGTON 0257

1. GNZ PUBLIC POSITION ON DIEGO GARCIA DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE FROM IOZP CONCEPT. EMBASSY WOULD CHARACTERIZE IT AS UNFAVORABLE. LATEST PUBLIC STATEMENT WAS PM ROWLING'S JANUARY 30, 1975 COMMENT (REFTEL B). IN THAT STATEMENT ROWLING REFERRED TO FEB 8, 1974 COMMENT BY THEN PM KIRK (MADE IN REGARD TO REQUEST TO CONGRESS FOR FUNDING DIEGO GARCIA EXPANSION) IN WHICH KIRK INDICATED GNZ WOULD NOT WELCOME BUILD-UP OF ANY NATION'S MILITARY OR NAVAL PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN AREA. ROWLING SAID GNZ APPEALS FOR RESTRAINT WERE ADDRESSED TO BOTH GREAT POWERS AND THAT GNZ WOULD CONTINUE SUPPORT FOR MEASURES DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE RESTRAINT.

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2. PRIVATE OPINION OF AT LEAST ONE SENIOR CAREER FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL HAS DIFFERED FROM POSITION OUTLINED ABOVE. EMBASSY NOTES THAT RECORD OF DECEMBER 1974 ANZUS OFFICIALS MEETING SHOWS MFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY CRAW INDICATED CONCERN THAT US MIGHT DO TOO LITTLE IN INDIAN OCEAN. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF THIS THESIS BEING PUT FORWARD BY ANY ELECTED POLICYMAKERS. CRAW'S COMMENT SHOULD NOT BE ALLUDED TO IN OPEN TESTIMONY.

3. ALTHOUGH INDIAN OCEAN WAS REFERRED TO DURING APRIL 24-25 ANZUS COUNCIL MEETING, WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC GNZ COMMENTS AT THAT TIME CONCERNING DIEGO GARCIA. ONLY OTHER RECENT OCCASION FOR DISCUSSIONS THIS AREA WAS DURING MID-MARCH VISIT OF DEPUTY SECRETARY DEFENSE CLEMENTS. GNZ OFFICIALS OFFERED NO COMMENT ON DEPUTY SECRETARY'S DESCRIPTION OF US EXPANSION OF DIEGO GARCIA.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT BELIEVE DIEGO GARCIA IS AN ISSUE ON WHICH GNZ OFFICIALS PRIVATELY HOLD STRONG VIEWS ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, AND IT HAS NOT RECEIVED PUBLIC ATTENTION HERE FOR CONSIDERABLE PERIOD TIME. HOWEVER, SHOULD AUSTRALIA PROTEST FURTHER BUILDUP ON DIEGO GARCIA, GNZ PROBABLY WOULD FOLLOW SUIT.  
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